2. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Post Office (Execution of Documents) (Amendment) Warrant 1949

1949 No. 611

Made - - - -	28*th March*, 1949
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Coming into Operation	2*nd May*, 1949

We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by Section 82 of the Post Office Act 1908(**a**) and Section 12 of the Post Office (Amendment) Act 1935(**b**) and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of His Majesty's Postmaster General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct and declare as follows :—

Warrant to be read as one with principal Warrant.

1. This Warrant shall be read as one with the Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant 1944(**c**), hereinafter referred to as " the principal Warrant " and any Warrant amending the same.

Delegation of power to execute certain documents.

2. Contracts for the purchase and sale of stores, materials and goods and similar documents up to £2,500 in value and any notices thereunder and contracts for engineering works up to that value and any notices thereunder may be executed or signed on behalf of the Postmaster General by Senior Executive Officers (formerly called Senior Staff Officers) of the Contracts Department and any such contracts or documents up to £500 in value and any notices thereunder may be executed or signed on behalf of the Postmaster General by Higher Executive Officers (formerly called Staff Officers) of that Department as well as, in each case, by the Officers authorised by the principal Warrant to execute or sign any such documents. Accordingly paragraph (2) of Regulation 1 of the principal Warrant shall have effect as if for paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Schedule to the principal Warrant there were substituted respectively the paragraphs 6 and 7 set out in the Schedule to this Warrant.

Amendment of Regulation 2 (2) of the principal Warrant.

3. The expression " Heads of Branches at Regional Headquarters " referred to in paragraph (2) of regulation 2 of the principal Warrant shall be deemed to include in the London Postal Region the Chief Regional Engineer and for the expressions " Controller, Circulation, and Transport " and " Divisional Controller, Inland Section " in the said paragraph there shall be substituted respectively the expressions " Controller, Mails and Transport " and " Divisional Controller, Mount Pleasant ".

Commencement.

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the Second day of May, 1949.

(**a**) 8 Edw. 7. c. 48. (**b**) 25 & 26 Geo. 5. c. 15. (**c**) S.R. & O. 1944 (No. 840) I, p. 839.

Short title.

5. This Warrant may be cited as "The Post Office (Execution of Documents) (Amendment) Warrant 1949".

Dated 28th March, 1949.

Wm. Hannan,
R. J. Taylor,
Two of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

Wilfred Paling,
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

THE SCHEDULE

PARAGRAPHS SUBSTITUTED FOR PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL WARRANT

Instruments or Documents	Rank of Officer
6. Contracts for the purchase and sale of stores, materials and goods and similar documents and notices thereunder:— Of any value	Deputy Director of Contracts. Assistant Directors of Contracts.
Up to £2,500 in value	Senior Executive Officers, Contracts Department.
Up to £500 in value	Higher Executive Officers, Contracts Department.
Up to £200 in value	Controller, Senior Executive Officer, Factory Engineer, Factory Managers in the Factories Department.
Up to £100 in value	Principal Clerks and Higher Executive Officers, Engineering Department. Executive Engineers or Officers of equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department. Senior Executive Officers and Higher Executive Officers in the Supplies Department.
Up to £50 in value	Heads of Branches at Regional Headquarters and their Deputies. Principal Clerks. Regional Engineers. Telephone Managers. Heads of Divisions in Telephone Managers' Offices. Higher Executive Officers, Executive Officers or Higher Clerical Officers in Regional and Telephone Managers' Offices. Executive Officers, Engineering Department. Officers of the rank of Inspector or equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department.

Instruments or Documents	Rank of Officer
Up to £50 in value—*cont.*	Senior Draughtsmen and Draughtsmen Class 1 in Headquarters and Regional Offices. Assistant Factory Managers, Higher Executive Officers, Executive Officers, Higher Clerical Officers in the Factories Department.
7. Contracts for Engineering works and notices thereunder:— Of any value.	Deputy Director of Contracts. Assistant Directors of Contracts. Heads of Branches at Regional Headquarters and their Deputies.
Up to £2,500 in value	Senior Executive Officers, Contracts Department.
Up to £500 in value	Higher Executive Officers, Contracts Department.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Warrant amends the principal Warrant, that is, the Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant 1944. By Regulation 1 paragraph (2) of the principal Warrant certain officers of the Post Office specified in the Schedule thereto are authorised to sign or execute certain documents on behalf of the Postmaster General. These officers include Senior Staff Officers (now called Senior Executive Officers) and Staff Officers (now called Higher Executive Officers) of the Contracts Department, who are authorised by paragraphs 6 and 7 of such Schedule to sign or execute certain contracts and other documents up to an amount in value specified in such Schedule. Regulation 2 of the present Warrant increases the amounts in value up to which such officers may sign such documents.

Regulation 2 paragraph (2) of the principal Warrant specifies the officers who are to be regarded as "Heads of Branches at Regional Headquarters" for the purpose of that Warrant. Regulation 3 of the present Warrant adds to the list of such officers in the London Postal Region the Chief Regional Engineer of that Region and mentions a change in the official description of two of the officers in that Region.